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**MINE INSPECTION REPORT
PAGUATE MINE
UNITED PUEBLO AGENCY
LAGUNA PUEBLO RESERVATION
VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**LAGUNA PUEBLO
LEASE**

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
BRANCH OF MINING OPERATIONS
CONSERVATION DIVISION**

On March 17, 1970, Jim Hager and the writer examined the Paguate mine. The mine is located on the Laguna Pueblo Indian Reservation approximately 8.5 miles north of the old Laguna Pueblo on U. S. Highway 66. The Anaconda Company holds the tribal lease and operates the mine. The last inspection by engineers of this office was on August 5, 1969.

On the date of inspection no ore was being loaded into railroad cars for shipment to the mill at Bluewater, New Mexico. Railroad cars are loaded four days a week, with a weekly shipment of 12,000 tons. The other mining operations; overburden removal, ripping ore, and hauling ore to stockpiles were being conducted with no changes from the last inspection. About 3,000 tons of ore are being produced daily, five days a week. The stockpiles at present are being increased by about 3,000 tons per week. The company would like to increase the present stockpile tonnage of 350,000 tons to 500,000 tons in order to accomplish a better blend for mill shipments.

The stripping has been extended in the southwest pit onto lease #4, although no ore has been removed.

No safety violations ^{or} violations of the lease terms were noted during the inspection.

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